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**Auditor Edelen to Host Good Government Summit in Northern Kentucky**

**ERLANGER (Sept. 25, 2013)** – Auditor Adam Edelen announced today that he will host a Good Government Summit next month in Northern Kentucky in light of several incidents of fraud and abuse that have come to light.

Public officials representing schools, cities, counties and special districts are invited to attend the three-hour seminar on improving governance and accountability Oct. 15 at the METS Center in Erlanger.

“Recent scandals have led honest public officials in Northern Kentucky to ask what went wrong and whether it could happen in their office,” Auditor Adam Edelen. “I’ve gathered the brightest minds in governance and accounting, as well as those who have been victims and those who have prosecuted it to shed light on these important questions.”

Auditor Edelen will be joined by representatives of the Auditor’s office who will talk about governance for councils, commissions and boards; policies for sound financial management; and preparing for audits.

Florence Mayor Diane Whalen and Florence Finance Director Linda Chapman will talk about recovering from fraud. Florence’s former finance director was convicted in the early 2000s for embezzling \$2.8 million.

Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District Executive Director Greg Heitzman will talk about fixing lax governance structures. MSD was the subject of a scathing audit in 2011.

“I want to make clear I’m not picking on Northern Kentucky,” Auditor Edelen said. “These incidents can and have happened all across the Commonwealth. It is my hope that this Summit will give those in local government the tools to improve their operations and accountability.”

Representatives from the FBI office in Covington also will participate in the seminar, which will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event has been approved by the Department for Local Government as applicable credit for officials enrolled in the County Officials Training Program.

The summit is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not necessary but those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at [good.government.summit@ky.gov](mailto:good.government.summit@ky.gov). The seminar will be live-streamed at [www.auditor.ky.gov](http://www.auditor.ky.gov)

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